

NEWSLETTER

Early Day Tractor & Iron, Inc., Hesperia, CA 92345 - www.EarlyDayTractorIron.org

September 2018 – Volume 05, Issue 09

President's Message

Gary Provansal

Greeting to all,

Hopefully, the major spikes in the heat will be a thing of the past summer. This makes for a much more pleasant time during our work getting ready for events and during the events. Please come and join us in the coming events beginning with the Hesperia Parade Saturday September 15th then a three-day event reflecting Phelan's 100-year celebration where we will be displaying tractors, motors, tools and equipment from the lives of the early pioneers of the high desert. This event will be an opportunity to educate the young, bring back fond memories to the not so young, and finally give us a great platform to entice new members not to mention a venue for us to have a great time, even a parade of our tractors! It doesn't get any better than that, except for one of the next events at Flabob Airport in November.

All this fun and yes effort is made easy for me as your President because of the fine membership and leadership team for Early Day Tractor and Iron.



I say, thank you for the opportunity to represent such a fine organization that works very hard to make all these events happen and make them happen in a safe way. The management team also takes care of all the lawful requirements of being a Non-Profit Corporation, including tax filings, filings to the Secretary of State and to EDGETA, there are a lot of judicial processes to run a corporation and a lot of knowledge that goes into staying compliant with the law and staying transparent to our membership, a big thank you to Etta Dunn. Making these events happen.

Taking care of all the details falls on our Vice President, Grant Gemel bears his burden without complaint and even asks for more! Grant's wife Barbara is tasked with making sense of our "spirited meetings" in our minutes, a legal part of our corporation and no simple task. Then, we are blessed with having Paul Dunn as our mentor and past President who I believe does more than the current President and certainly keeps him in line! Among the many duties Paul does is maintain the continuity of all our past event contacts and is responsible with our insurance process, including monitoring the status with EDGETA's quest for a new policy. Paul is also the one that maintains our website and produces and publishes our newsletter. Not to forget, as if we really could, LT Burks our Safety Officer keeping our ducks in a row and going home safely. LT also is the contact for general members wanting to express their thoughts acting as the Member at Large on the Board. I am truly blessed with an extreme team and a great membership that works very hard to make everything we do possible. As always, stay safe, call me or a Board Member with ideas or complaints.

Come to the meetings to stay in the know (First Wednesday of the month) and above all enjoy your hobby and the people in this great organization.

Remember staying active (even acting a little silly sometimes) keeps you young !!!!

Yours in-service,

Gary Provansal

"All successful employers are stalking men who do the unusual, men who think, men who attract attention by performing more than is expected of them."

- Charles M. Schwab

Welcome Our Newest Member

Christian "Chris" Valenzuela

Vice President's Message

Grant Gemel

I would like to thank everyone who came to the Hesperia National Night Out. I had a great time. We were lucky to have the shade to our backs. We had a good turnout which was much appreciated. I would also like to welcome Christian Valenzuela, who visited us during the San Bernardino County Fair in May to our club.

I enjoyed a great time at our last meeting. Everyone was in good cheer, and we had a lively discussion. Our next event will be the Hesperia Day's parade on Saturday September 15th. Please plan to arrive at 7:00 AM on Yucca St. behind the Hesperia Mission Thrift Store. (Across from Universal Self- Storage) This has historically been a good parade, and I encourage as many as possible to attend.

Take the time to go over your equipment to make sure it is in good working order. Paying attention to your trailer and straps, chains, brakes and tire pressure to make sure they are in acceptable order.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Grant Gemel

Minutes

Board members present:

Gary Provansal, Paul Dunn, Etta Dunn, Barbara Gemel, Grant Gemel, L.T. Burks.

Call to Order: Gary Provansal

Flag Salute: Led by Gary

Gary Provansal: Gary welcomed everyone and thanked those who participated in the National Night out. Gary commented that it was a good change of venue to Hesperia from Victorville. We plan to remain in Hesperia next year. Gary also welcomed Christian Valenzuela, who visited us during the San Bernardino County fair.

Grant Gemel: Grant also thanked everyone for their participation in Hesperia National Night Out event in Hesperia last month. Grant said that we were scheduled for the Hesperia Days Parade on September 15th.

Safety: Gary reported that there were no problems or incidents at the Hesperia National night Out. We did another great job of assisting each other and had a safe outing. Gary thanked everyone for taking safety personal and seriously. The injury or loss prevented may have been your own. A discussion was held about weight limits pertaining to class C California driver's license. Per discussion Gary had with a CHP Officer. Total weight limit being towed is 10,000 lbs., to include trailer weight, and load in its loaded configuration (chains, blocking, straps, etc.) Your trailer must be stamped on the hitch 10,000 lbs. If stamped less you may only tow that limit. If the trailer is stamped 10,001 lbs. or more, you need a non-commercial class A license.

Unfinished Business: Gary announced that we will continue to monitor EDGETA's plan to provide participant insurance to the membership in the upcoming year. We will not make any changes in our policy coverage until such time as we have the opportunity to evaluate the coverage that will be provided by EDGETA to assure our members proper protection.

By-Law Amendments: Discussion on membership fee due to insurance cost. Change By-Laws to reflect membership cost beginning 2019 to be raised by 22 dollars for all categories. This is to pay for the insurance. **Note:** We (your board) will place a hold on the By-Law changes until we review the EDGETA policy.

Upcoming Events: Hesperia Day's parade will be Saturday September 15th. We will meet on Yucca St. behind the Mission Thrift store at 7:00 AM. Grant will have additional information by then. Grant will also contact Bill Edwards at the Mission thrift store for permission to park back there.

A Vote was taken and we decided not to participate in the Apple Valley Happy Trails Parade this year. We also decided not to participate in the Boron parade since it conflicts with the Phelan Phun Days event in October.

Phelan Phun Days, Gary had a meeting with the Phelan organizers and measured out our area. We will be there along with Branch #65. The dates are October 5, 6 and 7th.

Flabob event November 10th. 7:00 AM to set up.

Show and Tell: Gary brought a Hutcheon exploding wood splitting wedge to share along with a video

showing how it was used. Bob Wicherts brought a 1951 American Flyer S gauge engine 1/32 scale in a 484 configuration. Many thanks to both Bob and Gary for sharing this month!

Bob Cushman won the opportunity drawing.

Next Meeting will be October 3, 2018

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Barbara Gemel, Secretary

***“Good, better, best. Never let it rest.
Till your good is better than your best”
- St. Jerome***

Treasurers Report

Etta Dunn

Our current balance, as of 8/31/2018 is \$2770.43, plus \$20.00 cash. All outstanding debts have been paid.

Total \$2790.43.



Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association Parade Safety Requirements – Partial Listing

1. Equipment that is self-propelled and operated on a public road shall be operated by a person that is licensed by the state in which they reside.
2. To operate equipment at an EDGETA parade you must be an EDGETA Member.
3. All tractors shall have an Emergency kill switch or device in reach of the driver's seat.
4. A working fire extinguisher shall be prominently displayed on each tractor.

5. There shall be only one (1) person on a tractor when moving, unless there are provisions for others and these provisions meet the Safety Officer's approval.
6. It is not acceptable for riders to stand on the drawbar or hitches.
7. Tractors with cabs may have riders if they are inside the cab and the doors are closed.
8. All PTO shafts should be covered if possible; if not make sure they are disengaged.
9. When we talk about parades, most parades don't move over 3-5 mph.
10. When operating a tractor in a parade, always drive parallel to spectators.
11. When operating a tractor in a parade, never throw candy or other objects from the tractor/wagon/people mover.
12. A minimum distance of 3 times the length of your tractor should be maintained between your tractor and whatever is in front of you.
13. Towing tractors must have adequate brakes to handle the towed load on any hill that may be encountered. (Note that garden tractors are not designed to be towing vehicles).
14. Never leave a tractor in gear when parked. (This will prevent someone from accidentally starting the tractor and running over themselves, others, or other equipment.)
15. Never leave an unattended tractor running.

***“I only know two pieces; one is
'Clair de Lune' and the other one isn't.”
-Victor Borge***

Classified Advertising

This space is available for Early Day Tractor & Iron members free of charge. Submit your items, along with graphics to pdunn@EarlyDayTractorIron.org.



David Bradley garden tractor and cultivator. It runs.
Contact Bill Karp at 760-553-4267

Hobart Handler 140

115 Volt Wire Feed Welder – Very little use.
Doctor said it must go, so I will take a reasonable offer. – Paul Dunn 760.956.6460

Ford Golden Jubilee

A clean straight runner. – Paul Dunn 760.956.6460

Ferguson 1955 TO-35

A rare runner. - Paul Dunn 760.956.6460

Ads may be submitted each month, free of charge for members.
All other ads will be posted for a donation to Early Day Tractor & Iron, Inc. Submit your ad, or renewal, before the 10th of each month to pdunn@EarlyDayTractorIron.org

Calendar of Planned Events

September 15th - Hesperia Parade

October 5-7th - Phelan Phun Days

November 10th - Flabob Veteran Event

December - Party

EDGETA – Branch 242 – Board of Directors

Early Day Tractor & Iron, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation.

President – Gary Provansal, 909.855.6152, gprovansal@yahoo.com

Vice President – Grant Gemel, 760.985.7827, GrantGemel@gmail.com

Past President – Paul Dunn, 760.956.6460, pdunn@EarlyDayTractorIron.org

Secretary - Barbara Gemel, 760.954.9834, barblee2@aol.com

Treasurer – M.L. “Etta” Dunn, 760.947.1933 etta@dunn-rite.com

Member-At-Large – LT Burks, 760.887.6626, ltburks6@gmail.com

*All officers and directors are known as Directors and they form the Board of Directors.

SUPPORT TEAM MEMBERS

Publisher & Editor – Paul Dunn, 760.956.6460, pdunn@EarlyDayTractorIron.org

Events – LT Burks – 760.887.6626, ltburks6@gmail.com IH

For the latest info visit our website at www.EarlyDayTractorIron.org